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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the new patent application identified above. This new patent application is a CONTINUATION of and claims priority of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/309,587 filed December 4, 2002, now pending. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of the Claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** containing U.S. Patent No. 6,436,675 B1 is included herewith.